

Manchester removes private hire livery after GMB campaign



GMB Union has welcome a move by Manchester City Council to remove livery on private hire vehicles.

The council's Licensing Committee agreed to remove operators' names and bonnet stickers following a campaign by GMB reps.

The local authority also agreed to improve vehicle testing procedures and emissions legislation, as well as amend age limits, to assist drivers.

Manchester's decision follow's similar GMB wins over private hire livery in Southampton and Oldham.



Habib Rehman, GMB Lead rep, said:

“Manchester Private hire drivers have been waiting for this change for a very long time.

“We at GMB Union welcome Manchester licensing departments decision around signage on Private Hire Vehicles and Taxi and will continue working with them to bring about more positive changes.

“This move now means drivers will no longer need to display operator stickers, freeing them up to work for more than one operator.

“They will no longer be driving around advertising operators for free or be restricted to working for one operator – as well as giving more passenger choice and speed of service too.”

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